

Center City Connector Streetcar
Seattle, Washington
Project Development
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The City of Seattle ("City") proposes to implement the 1.2-mile Center City Connector Streetcar that will improve circulation within the downtown core and connect the existing South Lake Union Line and the First Hill Line, which is currently under construction and anticipated to open in late summer or early fall 2014. The Center City Connector streetcar will include five new stations. The project's current estimated capital cost is \$110.0 million. The City of Seattle expects to seek somewhere between \$55 and \$75 million from the Small Starts program.

The project will serve the growing demand for Center City circulation trips and is expected to improve transit service quality and reliability downtown because it will operate in exclusive transit lanes. The streetcar will support local circulation for people arriving in the Center City on fifty-six bus routes, three new bus rapid transit lines, regional light rail, two commuter rail lines, and a number of passenger ferries. It also provides connections with Amtrak, Greyhound and BoltBus intercity bus services.

The City expects to select a locally preferred alternative in summer 2014, and get it adopted into the region's fiscally constrained long range transportation plan in spring 2015. The City anticipates completion of the environmental review process with a categorical exclusion in March 2015, receipt of a Small Starts Grant Agreement in mid-2016, and the start of revenue service in early 2018.